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## EDISON COMES OUT IN SUPPORT OF PHIL. WILSON.

Although a Life-Long Republican his intense admiration for Chief Executive causes him to make statement.

New York, Sept. 3.—Formation of the Woodrow Wilson Advertiser's League was announced here tonight by Vance McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Charles H. Ingersoll of New York, is president and on the executive committee are W. L. Sanders, a member of the Naval Consulting Board; E. T. Meredith of Des Moines, Iowa; L. D. Wallace Jr., and Homer J. Bulkeley of Chicago and Lowellyn E. Pratt, of New York.

The National Committee made public a statement by Thomas A. Edison in which the inventor said that although a life-long Republican he would support Mr. Wilson for re-election.

## RAMPSON REPUBLICANS HOLD CONVENTION IN CLINTON.

Clinton, Sept. 3.—The Sampson county Republican convention held here today was replete with exciting moments. There were revelations and near revelations which sounded good to listening Democrats even as it disconcerted the leaders who were trying to preserve order and prevent any suspicion of factionalism and discontent. There was a setting up of old scores and the opening up of old scores and there were new wounds that the months that intervene between now and election will not see healed.

The convention was called to order by W. Fleet Sossoms, than whom there is no sicker when it comes to politics. He spread the honey good and thick, and when he called on Major Butler and Dr. J. O. Matthews, the latter of whom was made chairman of the convention he had two allies of the same sort.

Major Butler made the regular convention speech, but it was the sort of speech that a man makes when he is called on without previous notice and the major did not do justice to himself.

There was an undercurrent that was leading on to the conclusion that the whole convention feared, and Major Butler was there more to sit on the lid than to show wherein the Democrats had erred in state and nation.

## DREAMING DIDN'T HELP.

Judge Stacy Was Ready for Lawyer and Didn't "Fall" to His Plea.

"The dreamed and the lawyer dreamed and as a result of all this dreaming a penitentiary sentence of ten years stands" says Edward Lansing Cowles, associate editor of the Charlotte Observer, in an interesting story he tells of Judge Stacy, of Wilmington, in his special "Colony" which is labeled "Down in Carolina". The remainder of the story follows:

"It all came about this way, and it is as rich a joke as was ever had in a court room. Judge Stacy was on the bench Judge Brooks was at the bar. The prisoner concerned was Joe Bryan convicted of crime, recently released from a two-year term in the prison at Atlanta and sentenced to spend ten years at hard labor in the penitentiary at Raleigh.

"Judge Brooks had defended the convicted man and the judge happens to have a very tender conscience. So after the judge had sentenced the man to his 10 years, the length of the term, the tears an aged mother, the tenderness of the lawyer's heart all began to work on the judge's mind and the next morning he appeared in court before Judge Stacy with this plea:

"Your Honor, I have been very much exercised about a dream which I had this morning. I thought and thought in my dream, and figured out how terribly long 10 years in the penitentiary 520 weeks 2,500 days and thousands of hours and millions of minutes. Now, Your Honor, this boy has already been in prison two years, his old mother needs him, and I beg the court that his sentence be reduced from ten to eight years."

"Whereupon the judge without moving a muscle of his face, replied: "Mr. Brooks, I am very much interested in your dream. Strange to say, I had a dream too, this morning, but rather in the opposite field of yours. I dreamed that this young man had not had enough. I came over to the court this morning, resolved to add three more years to the sentence. Since you dreamed that it should be less, it may be wise to let it stand as it is."

"And then a broad smile came over the face of every man and now the Smithfield folks are gazing Judge Brooks about his dream which unlike to Joseph's nocturnal reveries, left the dreamer where he was before."

## CLINTON HAS BIG SALE.

More Than 50,000 Pounds of Tobacco Marketed at Good Price.

Clinton, Sept. 2.—Clinton had the largest tobacco sale of the season Friday. It is estimated that over 50,000 pounds were sold and unusual satisfaction was expressed by the tobacco planters with the price it brought. In spite of the rumors of strikes and the embargo on tobacco shipments, the local warehousemen and buyers succeeded admirably in making the big sale a success. The two tobacco warehouses here were taxed to capacity to accommodate the amount of tobacco that was offered. The managements of both of the local warehouses have succeeded this year in placing Clinton in the front rank of the eastern Carolina markets.

## B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM FOR MONDAY EVENING SEPT. 11, 1916.

Group No. 3 Led by Mr. E. C. West.  
Subject: Bible Study Meeting.  
Song: Prayer  
Song: Report of Membership Committee  
Bible Readers' Quiz: Perry Morgan.  
Song: Prayer  
Report of Secretary: Myrtle Naylor.  
Song: Since Jesus came into my heart.  
Introduction: E. C. West.  
Scripture Reading: Acts 10: 17-22—Mable Bell.  
The Vision of Cornelius—Mrs. V. L. Stevens.  
The Vision of Peter—Mrs. E. C. West.  
Solo—Miss Margaret Pope.  
Peter goes to Caesarea—Lela Strickland.  
Peter and Cornelius—Mable Bell.  
Duet: Misses Myrtle and Mable Naylor.  
Peter's Sermon—Perry Morgan.  
Scripture Reading: Acts 10: 44-48.  
The Gift of the Holy Spirit—Dr. C. D. Bain.  
Song: Throw out the Life Line.

## GODWIN SAYS LAND BANKS WILL SOON BE ORGANIZED.

Washington, Sept. 1.—Representative Godwin is in receipt of information which leads him to believe that the federal land banks will be organized and doing business with the farmers of North Carolina by December 1 or certainly not later than January 1.

Mr. Godwin was in conference with several federal officials today and when he returned to his office he said he had obtained information which convinced him that the banks would be organized and working within a short time.

The federal land bank board is now holding hearings in the west. Hearings will be held in North Carolina about the middle of October or the first of November to determine where the bank for that territory will be located. Greensboro and Charlotte have good chances of getting the bank, according to those who think they know.

## Hoke County Girl Carried to Morrisville and Held Prisoner for a Week.

Aberdeen, 3.—Late last Sunday afternoon Miss Cora Burkett was taken by force from her father's farm in Hoke county by four young men of the neighborhood and carried in a car to Morrisville, where she was held captive for almost one week.

Miss Burkett claims that while out from the house some distance four young men seized her and forced her against her will into a car, threatening to kill her if she raised an alarm. The men were Clinton and Frank Brown, neighbors, the other two visitors by the name of Brown. Whether all four made the trip is not known but Clinton Brown took the girl through Raeford and Hope Mills to Linden. From there he took Miss Burkett to Morrisville where it seems he had an uncle. After nearly a week's time he left to prevent being caught giving young woman money enough to return to her home. She returned yesterday morning. To add to the charge the young woman or girl is under fourteen. She claims that she was not abused. The authorities were notified, warrants issued and possemen sent out to search the country. Feeling is pronounced but not high due partly to the mystery yet to be explained.

Clinton and Frank Brown have been located in the neighborhood and the possemen are expecting to capture them tonight. The young woman and family are people of good standing in their community and this event is an intense shock.

Miss Vera Herring, after spending a short time in the city with friends, returned today to her home at Raleigh.

## MR. LOUIS A. BAGGETT DEAD.

Mr. Louis A. Baggett, who has made Dunn his home for the past eight years, died at the Cumberland General Hospital in Fayetteville last Wednesday night 30th, following a series of operations. He was taken to the hospital suffering from appendicitis, but complications developed, and it was necessary to perform three operations, which weakened the patient to such an extent he could not survive.

Mr. Baggett was 38 years of age, was a contractor by trade, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He paid strict attention to his business and by square dealing and hard work won the confidence of those with whom he dealt. He came to Dunn from Red Springs eight years ago. He was a member of the Baptist church at Red Springs. Of the immediate family he leaves a widow and 6 small children, to whom much sympathy is extended.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Thursday afternoon by Rev. A. R. McQueen pastor of the Presbyterian church, immediately after which interment was made in Greenwood cemetery. Quite a number of his friends were present to pay the last tribute of respect.

Relatives present from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Baggett, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Baggett, Red Springs; Mrs. W. D. Baggett of Lumberton; Mrs. M. L. Marley and daughter, of Lumber Bridge; Mrs. Morrison, of Maxton; Mr. S. B. Williams, of Dale; Marcus Smith, of St. Paul; Daniel Smith, of Fayetteville; Mrs. T. T. Cottingham of Dillon S. C.

## FOR MISS HOLLIDAY.

Oriental, Sept. 2.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Midyette was the scene of a very enjoyable social Thursday evening, when Misses Ann Midyette and Hannah Daniels entertained in honor of their guest, Miss Grace Holliday, of Dunn.

At 9 o'clock the guests were invited on the lawn where delicious punch was served, the punch bowl being presided over by Miss Emily Midyette. All then assembled in the house, and were entertained with music, both vocal and instrumental, and a course of cake and fruit was served.

Those present were: Misses Grace Holliday, of Dunn; Misses Annie and Marie Harris, of Kershaw; Misses Pearl O'Neal, Earle White, Florrie Bell Morgan, Ethel Brothers, Edith Whitthurst, Tammy Hill and Lena Stephens, Mr. Ralph Harris, of Kershaw; Mr. Hill, of Newport; Dr. L. M. Daniels, and Mr. Clifton Daniels, and Mr. John Shipp.

## JOHN ROBERT GODWIN DEAD.

One of Dunn's Oldest Citizens Passed Away Last Week.

The announcement of the death of Squire John Robert Godwin, which occurred suddenly last Thursday night at his home in the northern part of the city, was received with a great deal of sorrow when the news began to spread over the town in the early hours of the day. He greeted his friends on the streets the day before he died in the usual good manner and, apparently seemed to have the promise of a few more years of life before the Master would call him home to his reward. Erect and stalwart in spite of the fact he was nearing his seventy-fifth year, he has been a familiar figure to the citizens of Dunn since the earliest days of the town and few there were who did not know personally this genial character whom all of us delighted to honor. He was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church, an upright Christian gentleman, and his daily walk was such that no one could question his sincerity. Age seemed to mellow the spiritual side of his life and he was happiest when in the presence of the faithful few or going about doing good.

Deceased was born March 4th, 1841, and saw four years of service during the Civil War. He received more than one wound, and he never entirely recovered from their effects. He made an admirable soldier and was commended for bravery. In April 1866 he married to Miss Lettie Jane Reeves and to this union was born eight children, four sons and four daughters, as follows: Messrs. E. K. Godwin, of Godwin; O. D. Godwin, of Jacksonville, Fla.; J. L. and A. T. Godwin, of Dunn; Mrs. B. J. Weatherford, of Rocky Mount; Mrs. D. McQueen, of Rocky Mount; Mrs. B. B. Bass, of Sampson county and Miss Rebecca Godwin, of Dunn. Thirty-four grand children, and three great-grandchildren, and Mrs. Jackson Ammons, his sister, all survive. His wife preceded him to the grave by ten years.

The funeral was conducted from the home Sunday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. R. McQueen, his pastor, and a large number of the body of the church were present. The body was laid to rest in the cemetery.

Mrs. P. S. Cooper and children returned to Dunn Sunday night from Asheville, where they spent the summer with Mr. Cooper who is there for benefit of his health. They left Mr. Cooper in better health than he has enjoyed for some time, but he thought it best to remain in the mountains a few weeks longer.

## CONTRACT FOR BUILDING.

Mr. Robert Tucker Will Erect Large School Structure Near Dunn.

Mr. Robert Tucker, a contractor in this city, has been awarded the contract for the erection of a large school building in Sampson county near Shady Grove church, 11 miles from Dunn, which will cost \$6,000. The building will be used for a private school which will be maintained by a number of interested persons in that vicinity. It will be two stories in height, and will contain six class rooms, a room for teaching music and a large auditorium.

Mr. Tucker will begin work this week on the building and will have it completed within three months.—Sunday's Wilmington Star.

## GRADED SCHOOLS FACULTY.

Following are the names of the teachers who will compose the Dunn Graded schools faculty which opens for the fall term September 13th.

John C. Lockhart, superintendent; Misses Winifred Turlington, May Morgan, Francis Pruitt, Carrie Ton Farthing, M. Yates Eunice Dargatz, Melbie Butcher, Bert Davis, Myra Hancook, Marie Moseley, Nell Bridgen, Hattie Stevens, Ethel Hancock, Ernestine Cherry and Caroline McIntyre.

The school board took a great deal of care in the selection of the above faculty and although several changes have been made, the faculty is stronger than at any time heretofore. Prof. Lockhart is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and has taken special work the past three years at Columbia University, New York City. He is a practical school man, having had several years experience in teaching. The entire faculty will arrive within a few days and the opening of the graded schools will be most auspicious in its history.

## A WEEKLY THOUGHT.

Guide sometimes warn tourists among the Blue mountains not to speak as they pass certain points. Even the repetition of a whisper in the air may start a potent avalanche. There are times in the story of many human lives when they are so delicately poised that it depends on the first person they meet greets them whether they sink into the darkness of despair or lift their head to find hope. We never know when a passing mood or ours may decide a soul's destiny.—J. R. Miller, D. D.

## READ THE DUNN DISPATCH

## HARNETT RALLIES AROUND BICKETT.

Attorney General Holds up the Record as the Reason and the People Believe—Will Turn Tables.

## News and Observer.

Lillington, Sept. 5.—Attorney-General Thomas W. Bickett, Democratic gubernatorial nominee, nailed his banner to the bylaw of Democratic achievement here today and challenged Harnett county Republicanism to produce a record of national administration comparable to that of his own party. It was a day of Democrats, the opening rally of a campaign waged with one end in view, the redemption of the county from the hands of the Republicans. Harnett turned loose its enthusiasm, vent up during these last years of opposition control, while a gathering of good Democrats, in numbers such as Harnett courthouse has never before seen, pledged the county to prosperity in a promise of Nov. 6, her victory by a majority estimated at three hundred and upward.

The speaker, travelling from Shelby across the State with little chance of rest, was nevertheless ready for his hearers. The difficulty was in accommodating the latter. Because of weather conditions, the speaking scheduled for the courthouse grounds, was changed to the courtroom. The room filled early and then eager Democrats crowded in and sat within the railing Indian fashion while others less fortunate, gathered about the building to hear everything possible. For nearly two hours Attorney-General Bickett ranged about the stories of Democratic administration proving that the record's the reason. With a fine comprehensive explanation of the financial legislation accomplished during the last four years he drowned the Republican cries of panic in a wave of logic.

## Harnett Democracy in Arms.

Harnett leaders are ready for the fight anxious for it. The last election saw the strength split over the new county proposition, with added bad feeling resulting from stock law legislation. That is a finished story. Democrats are lined up solidly to clear the slate for another campaign. Majorities ranging from two to three hundred, the leaders claim it was a matter then of failure to get out the voting strength. Comparative strength of the parties show the Democrats ahead by over three hundred votes. With nothing now to prevent harmony and keep the strength from the polls, the fight is begun with good prospects of winning.

Taking charge of the meeting to day at 1 o'clock, Mr. Charles Ross, county chairman, expressed his feeling of confidence.

## Want to Hear the Truth.

"I congratulate you," he said, "upon the fact that there are more men in Harnett county who want to hear the truths of Democracy than this courthouse or any other building in Harnett can accommodate. I have never before seen so little of discord and so much of harmony. During the early part of the campaign, I estimated our majority at three hundred, when I made investigation into conditions, I moved it up to five or six hundred, but since I have conferred with Democratic leaders to-day I have raised my estimate to one thousand." He was cheered to the echo.

Attorney General Bickett was introduced by Mr. Dan Hugh McLean, whose eulogy found response in the ovation the next Governor received when he arose to speak.

"The fact that I am here at all is plain evidence of my intense desire to be here," Mr. Bickett declared. When it was known that yesterday he spoke in Shelby and travelled all night with little sleep to make the Lillington engagement, none doubted it. They applauded him the more.

Then he told stories that warmed his audience and left the point to sink in. The experience of the little boy who explained how he kept on trying to read, and trying to read until he "just rode" was a sermon in disguise.

"That's the only way to do anything," the speaker said. "Whether it be to grow a crop, court a woman, or link the Republican party."

Driving ahead into the seriousness of his theme, Attorney-General Bickett pointed to the record as the reason in State and nation.

"Why are young men safe?" he asked. "Why is it that our boys are not dying in Mexico? Why is it that American mothers still have their loved ones with them, while in other lands millions of mothers are weeping for their children and refuse to be comforted for they are not? It is because a divine sense of justice rules in Washington. It is because the Almighty saw fit in this crucial, blood-red hour in the world's history to call to the Presidency of this nation a man who in his soul believes the great commandment, 'Thou shalt not kill,' as truly applicable

## TAKE CARE OF THE EYES.

Eyes are the Breadwinners and Source of Happy Lives.

"Take care of your eyes, they are your breadwinners," is the advice of the National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness in its latest bulletin. The bulletin says poor eyesight means poor wages, discomfort, diseases, and is often due to lack of care or to improper care of the eyes. Good eyesight on the other hand, means a fair chance to earn a living, to enjoy life healthfully and demands good care of the eyes.

It is stated that fifty per cent. of all blindness is preventable and that half of this, or twenty-five per cent. is preventable through babies' sore eyes known as ophthalmia neonatorum. The other half is due to accidents, diseases, defects, and negligence. Neglect in getting glasses when needed or having glasses properly fitted is an important cause of eye trouble.

The most important symptoms or warnings of eye trouble are headaches, eyestrains, blurred vision, watery eyes, sore eyes or puffiness of the lids. Any one of these symptoms should demand the services of an oculist.

## DEATH OF MRS. F. L. MORGAN.

Mrs. P. L. Morgan died last Monday evening after having been in poor health for several months. She had been confined to her bed only a few weeks, however, and her death came as a surprise to many who did not know her condition was so serious.

She was a member of the Baptist church and was ever faithful in the service of her Lord. She had strong faith and died with the assurance that she was going home to rest.

The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Dr. W. R. Cullum, from the home Tuesday afternoon immediately after which the body was interred in Greenwood cemetery where a number of friends and relatives had gathered to witness the last rites.

She leaves a husband and a small daughter to whom much sympathy is extended.

to the community or to any individual."

Right here, the speaker paid his respects to the Republican candidate for the Presidency who is verbiest in his criticism of what President Wilson has done, but is strangely silent about what he himself would have done. Then the speaker paraded the pictures of Democratic prosperity with cotton prices roosting in the trees, tobacco, climbing the mountain sides, wheat tangoing among the stars, and with ten billion, seven hundred and ninety million dollars in deposit in National banks, an excess over the combined deposits of England, France, Germany, Russia, Denmark, Sweden and Japan.

The cry of panic, the bugbear of Republican orators, has been silenced and Mr. Bickett told how. It was by Democratic legislation. Then he explained a little of the psychology of panics. He was in Walnut Cove, he said during the campaign of the Cleveland administration when a panic had driven the Republicans to wild tirades against Democratic management. One man, in particular, had a unique way of displaying his feeling in the matter. He wore a pair of trousers with two large half-moon patches in the seat. He called them "Cleveland badges."

"When the panic of 1907 came in a night, and the business men of the nation awoke in the morning to find themselves ruined, with the failure of the Knickerbocker Trust Company, I was in Walnut Cove again and I looked for the man with the Cleveland badges." Mr. Bickett said: "I looked everywhere and couldn't see him. I searched everywhere and couldn't find him. Truth was, the poor fellow was at home in bed. While in the Cleveland panic he had a pair of patched breeches, in the Roosevelt panic he had no breeches at all."

He pointed out the four primary defects of the financial system that an Andrew Carnegie styled the nation's great disgrace, calling attention to its rigidity, its failure to have provisions to get into circulation all the money, its absolute control by a few individuals, and the absence of provisions for the benefit of farmers. Against this antiquated system, he held up the Democratic financial legislation, making it possible for the farmer to borrow on his farm as a security, and securing for him advantages never before enjoyed.

"You owe it to yourselves, you owe it to your wives and children," he urged, addressing the farmers, "to come up and vote for Woodrow Wilson and the Democratic party, for you owe it to them that there is placed upon the statute books a law of the land that means more for your uplift and emancipation than all the laws put there by the Republican party in the last forty years."

## The First National Bank, of Dunn, N. C.

Which is

"The Only National Bank of Harnett County"

## ANNOUNCES

to the Farmers of Harnett, Sampson, Johnston, and Cumberland Counties that it is in position to loan Fifty Thousand Dollars for the purpose of harvesting their crops. Loans to run for 3 months.

This Bank being a member of The Federal Reserve System its policy is to enable Thrifty Farmers to obtain loans at low rates of interest.

We pay 4 per cent Interest in our Savings Department, interest compounded quarterly.

## The First National Bank of Dunn, ; ; ; Dunn, N. C.

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